पेट्रोलिम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Criteria for Allotment of LPG, Petrol Pump and Kerosene Agencies

689. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criteria has been laid down by Government for allotment of dealership/agency for LPG, petrol pump and kerosene depot in the country;

(b) whether there is any discretionary quota for allotment to any one on the orders of the Minister of Petroleum;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of such dealerships/agencies allotted under the discretionary quota?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has the discretion to grant 20 dealerships of petroleum products (LPG, Petrol/Diesel & SKO-LDO) in a financial year on compassionate grounds.

(d) During the current financial year, 18 such dealerships/agencies have been granted.

Increase in Refining Capacity of Koyali Oil Refinery

690. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Koyali Oil Refinery in Gujarat has planned to increase its refining capacity from 7.5 million tonnes to 9.5 million tonnes;

(b) if so, what expenditure is likely to be incurred on this expansion; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The capacity of Koyali refinery is being increased from 7.3 MTPA to 9.5 MTPA.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 27.62 crores is expected to be incurred on this expansion.

(c) The project is expected to be completed by second half of 1988.

Reduction in Production Target

691. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has been asked to reduce the production targets to four million metric tonnes from five million metric tonnes; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have stepped up the oil imports or are planning to do so; if so, to what extent and what are the other details thereof including the rate and amount of foreign exchange proposed to be spent on it; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for oil imports reduction in production at home and increase in consumption?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Import of crude oil during current year 1987-88 is expected to be about 18.34 million tonnes at a value of about